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INTRODUCTION

Prithvi Kali Temple is the temple of deity Kali. Although this temple is very ancient but with time its building kept changing. This temple used to be under a Ficus tree where Kali was worshipped in the form of Pindi. There was a very big hollow space in the Ficus tree where these Pindis were worshipped. The temple is under the control of a family of Shankarpur village who are people of Gurjar caste from the Kalhoya clan. One from their generation becomes a Bhagat, he learns this work from his ancestors. It is their work to chant mantras and pray in the temple. Although everyone in the village is a Gujjar but only the Kalhoya family becomes the priest of this temple. The temple has been rebuilt many times but at present there are two idols of Kali Mata in the temple, out of which one is worshipped.

Location

Prithvi Kali Mandir is a temple located in the ancient village Shankarpur in Dehradun district of Uttarakhand state.

Coordinates->30°23'53.0"N 77°51'11.9"E

Elevation→ 600m, 1968.5 Feet

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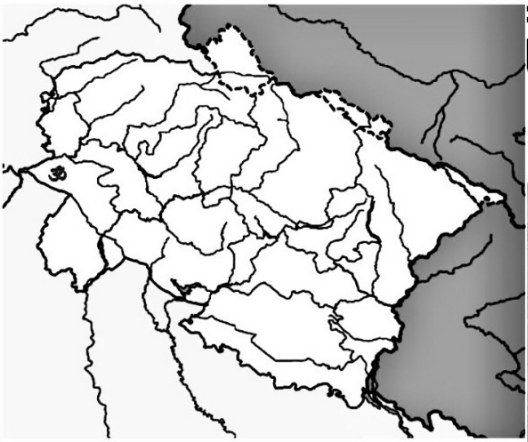

Location in Uttarakhand

Location in Google map

Geographic coordinates	30°23′53.1″N 77°51′11.9″E

PIN code→ 248198

Shankarpur is located in Dehradun district in Uttarakhand. 248198 is the pincode. (Postal code) of Vikasnagar.

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Shankerpur Hakumatpur Village, Dehradun

Shankerpur Hakumatpur village is located in Sahaspur block and Vikas Nagar tehsil of Dehradun district. It comes under Shankarpur Hakumatpur gram panchayat. The geographical area of Shankerpur Hakumatpur village is 859.51 heactares.

Location in District map

Land Mark =>Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Shankarpur

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Prithvi Kali Mandir is x Temple registered in Uttarakhand Tourism Board.

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Ancient period of Temple

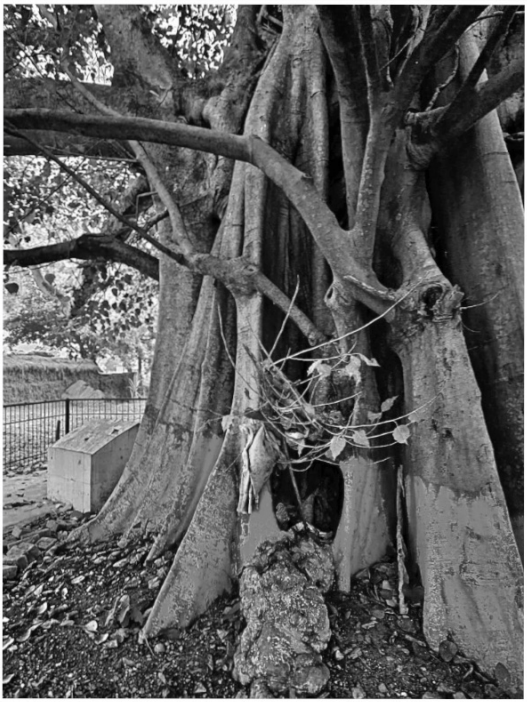
The Pindi of Bhagwan Prithvi Kali is not of any specific time but since 400 years Kalhoya family of Shankpur has been worshipping this temple. According to the temple's devotee Prithvi Singh, this Pindi of Kali is older than Kalyuga. According to his ancestors, they found this Pindi inside a Peepal tree where the Pindi and an ancient stone were found along with 4 ancient bricks. From the marks made by carving the tree, it was found that this Pindi is of Kali. After enquiring in the neighborhood, it was found that this stone is worshipped in the form of Kheda in the village.

According to some people, this Pindi is from the time of Haripur dynasty which was destroyed due to the flood in Yamuna river. This Pindi was worshipped during the time of Haripur dynasty.

According to beliefs, goats were sacrificed to Goddess Kali, but Goddess Kali appeared in the dream of a villager and instead of killing the entire goat, she asked for only the ear of the goat to be sacrificed. Since then, the practice of sacrificing the ears of goats started in the temple. The goat whose ear is sacrificed is left in the temple itself.

Later, the Poswal Gujjar family who came from Kala Amb, Himachal Pradesh settled in Shankarpur, they too started worshiping Kali Mata. After some time, Gujjars of Hinduwali clan came and settled in Shankarpur village. After that, a Gujjar family settled right in front of the Peepal tree. All of them started worshiping Kali Mata. After some time, people from the nearby areas like Kenchiwala, Sahaspur started worshiping the temple. At that time, this was the only temple of Kali Mata. Some people of Bahati, Pachmi caste came down from Chor Khala and settled there and started worshiping the temple.

Old Kali pindi Temple in Peeple Tree Shankarpur



Peeple Tree Shankarpur

This is the place of the tree where the idol of Kali Mata was found

Who was Prithvi Singh

The biggest priest of the temple was Prithvi Singh who belonged to the Kalhoya family. Although he was adopted by his maternal aunt. Prithvi Singh was from a village in Haryana. After his mother's death, he settled in Himachal. But after some time, his father also died, then his maternal aunt adopted him. His maternal aunt had no children. When Prithvi Singh grew up, he took over the work of Kali Mata temple. He learned to treat diseases by exorcising and became the most knowledgeable in the family. He learned Mantra Vidya on a large scale, which made him the biggest devotee of the temple. He got married in Podwala village. He used to spend most of his time at the temple rather than at home. After some time, he decided to build a temple. He installed the Pindi of Mata in front of the tree and laid the foundation of the temple.

After the death of Prithvi Singh, the people of the village have built his tomb in the courtyard of the temple in his memory. He had taught the Mantra Vidya to his generations.

Memories of Prithvi Singh

Kali Temple 1995

The temple built in Nagar structure from 1995 till now has two idols of Kali Mata. Bhairav Baba is seated at the entry of the temple. There is a memorial of Prithvi Singh in the courtyard in front of the temple. There are idols of Hanuman, Shiva and Ganesh stuck to the wall of the temple. The structure changed with time. There is a Shivling in the temple near which there is an old and very ancient Chakra. There is a Bael tree next to the temple, the fruit of which is used to make juice.
By 1996, the temple had become very famous and people started coming from far and wide to worship. Its new building was built in 1995. The temple is completely in Nagdi style.

Kali Temple

1996

Nagar Structure

Now the Pindi has been installed under the temple. A sword is kept in the temple. Whenever the sword is opened, the ear of a goat is sacrificed. According to the beliefs, once the sword comes out of its sheath, it demands blood. This sword belongs to the Kalhoya Gujar family. Jagran is held every year in the temple. Jagran is held once a year in October or November.

The construction of the temple has started again in 2024

Bharav baba place in temple

File photos

The Last Memories of 20s temple

File picture of Prithvi Kali Temple

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